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In re Application of:)
Véronique DOUIN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1617
Application No.: 09/759,165) Examiner: Shengjun Wang
Filed: January 16, 2001)
For: COSMETIC COMPOSITIONS)
COMPRISING AN AMPHOTERIC)
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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application. Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed

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In lieu of a statement of relevance, the relevance of EP 0 797 979 A1 may be found in AU 704016, which is an English-language family member of the French application. Further, the relevance of EP 0 797 979 A1 may also be found in the attached English-language abstract.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
	1	EP 0 797 979 A1	October 1, 1997	EPO	A 61 K	7/06	Abstract
	2	EP 0 948 960 A2	April 8, 1999	EPO	A 61 K	7/11	
	3	EP 0 689 829 A	January 3, 1996	EPO	A 61 K	7/48	
	4	AU 704016	December 11, 1997	Australia	A 61 K	7/06	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

5	National Starch and Chemical Company, "Structure® Solanace" technical notice (28-1808), XP-002150732

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